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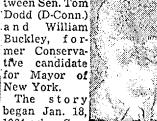
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# Story Behind the Dodd TV Interview

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There's an interesting untold story behind the fact that the Metromedia TV hookup featured a recent filmed TV

interview between Sen. Tom 🖔 Dodd (D-Conn.) and William 📓 Buckley, fortive candidate New York.



1964, when Sen.

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Dodd's staff on his Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee finished a study of networks had carried the following number of violent Mrs. Lowe at the National shows in one week: ABC, 45; Lawyers Club, and so on. CBS, 13; NBC, 64 and Metro-TV. Channel 5).

influence television, Metro proposed driving him on up to media had already begun to New London. cultivate the Senator, and almost immediately after this his Juvenile Deliquency Sub Sincerely, Florence." preliminary juvenile delin-committee were supposed to She also sent Dodd a conquency report Florence Lowe, be studying TV violence, in-tribution with this note, "Love Metromedia representative in cluding the extra high rate of and kisses, Florence."

Maine).

#### Regal Entertainment

On March 1, Dodd was entertained royally by Metro-media's owner, John Kluge, food broker and big-time advertiser, at his Beverly Hills home, which he purchased from Frank Sinatra.

dinner; April 28, with the anniversary May 19, they recrime and violence on tele- Kluges at their 2101 Connecti- ceived an assortment of chamvision. After monitoring ABC, cut ave. home in Washington; pagne and choice liquors from CBS, NBC and Metromedia May 15, with another Metro- the Kluges with a card read-Fraiberg; May 21, dinner with wishes. Theo and John."

media, 111. (The Washington Democratic National Conven appointed chairman, board of Metromedia outlet is WTTG- tion in Atlantic City in August, directors and membership of 1964, Lowe arranged to meet the Florence Lowe for Dodd tory acknowledgement Dec. Realizing Dodd's power to him at the airport and later Committee.' So far all my 31;

On Jan. 9, even while the study of Metromedia had come ence: John Kluge's check arstudy, Mrs. Lowe invited Dodd color TV set, and in gratitude \$500. to the Women's Press Club for this and various entertain-

dinner, where he sat at the ment the Senator had put 1964 rolled around, the Senasame table with Rep. Oren Roger Lowe, Mrs. Lowe's son, Harris (D-Ark.), then chairman of the potent House Com-Delinquency Subcommittee grateful for the hospitality exmerce Committee, and Sen. where he was able to read all tended to him by the Metro-Margaret Chase Smith (R-reports and know exactly what media cohorts that he wanted being a school dropout. It was praising Mrs. Lowe and recoman amazing deal, and it con-mending her for a job. tinued for about two years.

### \$500 Campaign Gift

Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Kluge at Dodd celebrated their wedding

approached, Mrs. Lowe wrote candidates have won. You will be no exception. With fondest All this time Sen. Dodd and regards to you and Grace.

She also sent Dodd a con- May.

was happening on the inside to do something in return. On Roger had no knowledge of Dec. 22 he wrote a glowing juvenile problems other than letter to President Johnson

"I know how interested you are in bringing more and more qualified women into the Fed-Meanwhile the buttering up of the man in charge of infriend LBJ. "It is my under-Then followed other dinners vestigating TV violence con-standing that a vacancy exists and luncheons: April 14, with tinued. When Sen. and Mrs. on the U.S. Advisory Commission on Information, and I would like to propose to you the name of Mrs. Florence S. Lowe of Washington."

Dodd went on for more than they found that the following media representative, Larry ing: "Congratulations and best a page in praise of the lady " who had managed to maneu-As Dodd's election campaign ver him out of investigating TV violence on her own sta-And when he went to the Oc. 6, 1964, "I am the self-tions. President Johnson was 3 not particularly impressed. Bill Moyers wrote Dodd a perfunc-

> Fraternizing and the backscratching continued through 1965 with a regal party given by the Kluges on the Dodds'-31st wedding anniversary in

Meanwhile the TV stations Washington, intensified the violence on Metromedia Inside Three days later, Oct. 9, lence remained uninvestigated by the lence remained with the highest rate of vio-Juvenile Delinquency Subcom- to a full stop. Mrs. Lowe had rive (sic) and believe me it is featured the Dodd-Buckley inwhy grateful Metromedia mitte was making its TV crime given the Senator a beautiful mightly welcome." It was for terview when other stations did not.

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